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Dear Mr. Carter:

Because I was the target of an attack in your column of Feb. 10th in The Afro, I am writing you this letter, and hope you will give it the same prominence that you gave the article in which you so enthusiastically criticised me. Your comments on my activities in the meeting of The Negro National Baseball League, held in Philadelphia, Friday Feb. 2nd, came as a great surprise to me, especially in view of the fact that you were not there to see what I did, or hear what I said. Mr. Levi Jolly of your Phila. office told me he was covering the meeting for The Afro, and at no time were you in the outer office or the inner office, at the time the press was admitted to listen in on the proceedings.

As I recall this situation it makes it easier for me to understand the many mistatements in your article because Mr Carter truthfully you did not write what you knew about the meeting, but only what someone told you, and that is very unwise when such important issues are at stake, as was the case in this league meeting.

In the first place The Negro Press has continuously criticized our league because of the poor businesslike manner in which it was operated. Time after time they have pointed out the neccessity of eliminating owners as officers of the league nad replacing them with non members. The major leagues have non members as officers, and I believe that The Negro National League would be acting wisely if they did the same thing.

In youe enthusiasm you apparently threw facts to the wind for you say "Baseball is big business and I can think of no business man who would place his lifetime investments in the hands of a person inexperienced in the particular field merely because he had been successful in other endeavors". May I call your attention to the sixteen owners of major league clubs who did this very thing when they named Judge Landis Commissioner.

It is equally surprising to hear you say that the move to place a non member in as chairman" is born of jealousy on the part of the metropolitan club owners who feel that the league is in control of the western clubs- Elites, Homestead Grays and Philly Stars" In the first place The Elites operated out of

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Baltimore, The Stars out of Phila., and The Grays are planning to play in Griffith Stadium Washington this year. So to try and belittle our effort for geographical reasons is equally unfounded.

As to the success of a woman in baseball, that is a matter of opinion. The fact remains that we do have a large investment in The Eagles and Negro baseball, and since you say, and I agree with you that Baseball is a big business, that it is only good business for me to take the keenest interest in my investment.

Of course I realize that in fighting for a business administration for the league I am bound to gain the ill feeling of those who have been contented to permit the league to operate in a haphazard manner. You are apparently laboring under the impression that my move to elect a new chairman was based upon dissatisfaction with The Yankee Stadium promotions last year. This was just one of the many poor business transactions in which the league was involved. I have been equally as dissatisfied with the manner in which publicity has been sent out from league headquarters, the handling of umpires, the keeping of league averages and releasing them to the press, and other things too numerous to mention.

The present status of organized Negro Baseball proves conclusively the poor business direction it has received. This has resulted in small salaries for players, and at best meager profits for owners. The public and the ballplayers are entitled to a better break. The only way this is possible is through the adoption of sound business policies and an impartial set of officers. This is my position and I shall continue to take this stand.

You also speak of Cum Posey as Secretary-Treasurer of the league. Mr. Abe Manley was elected Treasurer of the league by a unanimous vote in 1939, after having served the same office in 1937. I will excuse you this error, as it is just another point on which you have been misinformed.

I hope we will meet some time soon so I can talk to you at length, not because I am a woman, and will be taking advantage of that fact as you said I did at the league meeting, but because I would like to tell you a lot of things you should know, about the baseball.

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